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Around Tyler, East Texas

Historical Society To Dedicate Marker

The Texas State Historical Society will dedicate a historical marker at the Morrison Chapel/Larue Cemetery this weekend.

The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday at the site, located on county road 4350, one mile north of the intersection of Loop 60 and Highway 175.

Raymond McDaniel will deliver the invocation. The welcome will be given by: Henderson County Judge Tommy G. Smith and Larue Cemetery Association members Estelle Gorder and Timothy Morrison. Frank E. La Rue Jr., chairman of the Henderson County Historical Commission, will also speak.

Ms. Corder will dedicate the marker. Ralph "Shorty" Sholars and Joe Young will unveil the marker. Fred Carter will deliver the benediction.

Winston Reagan will be the master of ceremonies.

'Kris Kringle Mart' Scheduled Saturday

WHITEHOUSE — The annual "Kris Kringle Mart," sponsored by the Whitehouse Yesteryear Association, is scheduled 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Whitehouse City Park.

Vendors will offer a selection of arts, crafts, holiday decorations, gift items and baked goods, priced from $1 to $100. There will be live entertainment and concessions.

Admission to the Mart is free. Proceeds from booth rentals will be used for civic activities in the Whitehouse community.

For information, call Shirley Coke at 839-6884 or Danny Hogden at 839-7352.

Tennis Association Designated Non-Profit

The Tyler Community Tennis Association has received a non-profit 501 C3 designation from the Internal Revenue Service, said Ken Olivier, the group's president.

The designation will allow those who make donations to the organization to receive a tax credit under charitable donations, he said.

TCTA was formed last year and had been working to receive the non-profit designation, Olivier said.

Based out of the University of Texas at Tyler's Summers Tennis Center, TCTA sponsors programs, demonstrations and lessons promoting tennis for all skill levels. Many of its activities are free.

More information about TCTA programs, services and membership is available by calling 566-7800.

New York Church Gets Historical Marker

A historical marker will be placed at the New York Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of State Highway 607 and County Road 4334, four miles north of Larue.

John Reynolds will deliver the invocation. Henderson County Judge Tommy G. Smith will present the welcome. Frank E. La Rue Jr., chairman of the Henderson County Historical Commission, will also speak.

The Rev. Jack Mills will talk about the history of the Baptist Church. Hugh Reynolds will also speak. Billy Jack Reynolds will present the dedication of the marker, the Reynolds family will unveil the marker and Dewey Reynolds will deliver the benediction.

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Luncheon, Auction Set At Troup Library

TROUP — The Friends of the Troup Library's annual fall luncheon and silent auction is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the library's meeting room.

The silent auction will include hand-crafted clothing and decorative items for the home, Christmas decorations and packaging, inspirational items and homemade breads, cakes, jams and other treats.

During the luncheon Jane Oswalt will present a book review of "Happy Trails", the biography of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Gary Beam also will provide music before and during the luncheon.

Tickets are $10. Call 842-3101 for more information.

Tyler Woman Injured In Vehicle Accident

A Tyler woman suffered minor injury early Friday when her vehicle collided with a police car on East Fifth Street at Baxter Avenue, authorities said.

Olandria Weems, 19, Tyler, was taken by ambulance to East Texas Medical Center following the collision, reported about 2 a.m., said Tyler Police Public Information Lt. Diannia Jackson.

Hospital officials late Friday had no record of the patient.

Police Officer Kevin Bright was not injured and four passengers in Ms. Weems' 1995 Chevy Camaro also escaped injury, Ms. Jackson said.

She said Ms. Weems was heading east on Fifth Street, attempting a left on Baxter, as Bright was driving a 1998 Crown Victoria patrol unit west on Fifth.

"Weems was in position to turn when she saw the officer coming, so she stopped and attempted to turn back to the turn lane," Ms. Jackson said. "He thought she was going to turn so he got into the turn lane and they collided."

Everyone involved was wearing a seat belt, Ms. Jackson said.

Guard Charged With Sex Abuse

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal detention officer was arrested Friday on charges of sexually abusing and threatening female inmates.

Richard Andrew Urrabazo, 42, was indicted on seven counts of abusive sexual contact. Inmates said in several instances, Urrabazo forced them to fondle or kick him with their feet.

Prosecutors allege Urrabazo either groped or made women fondle him while he guarded holding cells in a San Antonio federal courthouse. Urrabazo was a 10-year employee of the U.S. Marshal's Service.

He was released by U.S. Magistrate Nancy Nowak on a $25,000 unsecured bond, even though officers said they found books about hiding and altering identities at his home.

Hospital Ambulance Donated To Belize

An ambulance changed hands from a hospital in Tyler to the Central American country of Belize.

During an reception Friday afternoon in Holt House, 709 S. Bois d'Arc Ave., East Texas Medical Center's Emergency Medical Services gave the keys to a 1991 ambulance to Marciel Mes, minister of Rural Development and Cultural in Belize.

Mes is the first Indian to serve in the ministry of Belize and is from the Toledo West District, which is the southwestern area.

Dr. Kerfoot Walker from Tyler, who serves with Amigo International as a medical missionary, said Mes is from the Kekchi group, while his wife Odelia Mes is a Mayan. She was also at the reception.

Walker said the ambulance will be used in the town of San Antonio, Toledo District West, Belize.

Woman Arrested On Drug Charge

A woman was arrested Friday for possession of a controlled substance, believed to be cocaine, Tyler Police Sgt. Tom Deal said.

Authorities executed a search warrant shortly after 4 p.m. at 624 N. Moore St., Deal said. Nearly an hour later, the woman, whose name has not been released, was taken to the Smith County Jail, Deal said.

There were six children between ages 3 and 10 at the residence when authorities arrived. Four of the children lived in the house and were placed by Child Protective Services in the home of a relative. The mother of the other two children was contacted and she picked her kids up, Deal said. Tyler Police, the department's Special Investigative unit dealing with narcotics and a community response team were in on the search.

There were eight cases of assorted brands of beer seized.

"This is a dry county so anything over 288 ounces is considered prima facie (on its face) evidence of possession with intent to sell or bootlegging," Deal said. It is a violation of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code for a person to have an excessive amount of beer in their home with intent to sell, Deal said.

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